

The Safety **REMINDER**

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EMPLOYEE INJURED

Recently an employee was injured after slipping in water that a fellow co-worker had spilled and failed to clean up. The employee was doing everything appropriately and was wearing shoes that were flat with non-skid soles, but this did not prevent the fall upon encountering the spilled water. The employee was taken to the doctor with a knee and ankle injury. The injury had the potential to be much more severe. Regardless, one of our co-workers suffered due to the carelessness of a co-worker.

There have been several near-misses lately due to spills in the hallway floor. Federal and service support contractor employees **MUST** take personal responsibility for their actions in helping keep a safe workplace. If you create a hazard or observe a hazard, you should take immediate action. If you can eliminate the hazard yourself, then do so. If you can't, then make sure the situation is reported immediately. We all want to go home at the end of the day in the same condition that we reported to work. Only by being diligent, observant and responsible employees can we accomplish this. By reporting unsafe conditions, hazards can be corrected before an injury occurs.